

**REMARKS**

Applicants have amended the specification to insert the Sequence Listing and submit herewith a paper copy of the Sequence Listing. The Sequence Listing is identical to that filed May 19, 2003 in United States Application 08/923,138 ("the '138 application"), of which the instant application is a continuation application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e), applicants request that the Patent and Trademark Office use the CRF copy of the Sequence Listing filed May 19, 2003 in the '138 application in the present application. It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary change in application number and filing date for the CRF that will be used for the instant application.

Applicants also submit herewith a statement verifying that the enclosed paper copy of the Sequence Listing and the CRF copy of the Sequence Listing submitted May 19, 2003 in the '138 application are the same and do not include new matter. Applicants additionally amended the specification to add sequence identifiers where appropriate. None of these amendments introduces new matter.

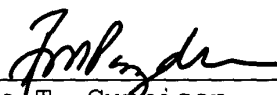
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Applicants have cancelled claims 2, 6, 10, 14, 22, 25, 27-33, and 40-45, without prejudice. As such, claims 1, 3-5, 7-9, 11-13, 15-21, 23-24, 26, and 34-39 are pending. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue any cancelled subject matter in this application or in subsequent applications that claim benefit from this application.

Applicants have amended claims 7, 12, 16, 21, and 23 to improve their form. Support for these amendments is found throughout the specification, e.g., in the original claims. None of the amendments adds new matter.

Consideration and allowance of the pending claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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